

# FRIENDS OF COLUMBIA STATE HISTORIC PARK

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Columbia Diggins will be here soon! We need your help!

Friends of Columbia State Historic Park is soliciting donations from area businesses to help with our premier event of the year....Columbia Diggins!

Friends of Columbia State Historic Park is a non profit organization built to promote and support the preservation, educational and interpretive activities of Columbia State Historic Park through raising and managing funds, and to financially assist the state in carrying out those activities.

By recreating a "tent town" of 1852, the Columbia Diggins event inspires visitors to experience the sights, sounds and smells of an early gold rush mining camp in California.

A great deal of research is involved in re-creating a living history event exhibiting mining techniques, clothing, food and entertainment of early 1850's Columbia. The docents, Friends of Columbia and park staff take pride each year in providing an accurate representation of the era. Each year Diggins provides a hands-on educational experience of a mining town for approximately 2,000 students and 3,000 adults.

Meet the miners along with the merchants, entertainers and citizens who came to the Diggins essentially to "mine the pockets of the miners." Interact with the people who settled in the mines and see the ingenuity it took to survive in a primitive environment.

Visitors can buy a share in the mine, experience popular foods of the day, witness political issues of 1852, then take in a show at the Broadway Theater featuring music, dancing and gambling.

**If you would like to be part of this event by providing goods or services, please contact us right away. All donations will be recognized in the Diggins program as well as at the entrance to the event.**

Friends of Columbia thanks you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,  
Friends of Columbia State Historic Park

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